

School District's Unified Track Team was sponsored by Special Olympics of Pennsylvania, who currently work with 358 schools throughout the Commonwealth.

On May 27th and 28th, the team competed at Seth Grove Stadium at Shippensburg University, where they ultimately won their title and captured the gold, against stiff competition from a total of nine teams from across the Commonwealth. I am proud to represent a district with such accomplished athletes. Again, congratulations to the Manheim Unified Track team for all that they have accomplished and best of luck to them in the coming season.

RECOGNIZING MARGARET GAINES  
ON HER 100TH BIRTHDAY

**HON. J. FRENCH HILL**

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 22, 2023*

Mr. HILL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Margaret Gaines, who celebrated her 100th birthday on February 19th of this year.

Margaret Gaines has been a resident of Central Arkansas her entire life.

She grew up in Griffithville, Arkansas, and currently resides in Searcy, where she's lived for the past 62 years.

Throughout her life, she's seen and remembers many historic events, including President Franklin D. Roosevelt's New Deal and President John F. Kennedy's visit to Arkansas to dedicate the Greers Ferry Dam in Heber Springs.

Mrs. Gaines believes the secret to her long life is plenty of exercise from gardening which she learned to do during the Great Depression.

She still grows a garden every year.

I wish Margaret Gaines a very happy 100th birthday.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. DEREK KILMER**

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 22, 2023*

Mr. KILMER. Mr. Speaker, due to a family emergency, unfortunately I missed votes on June 20 and June 21. Had I been present, I would have voted: YEA on Roll Call No. 272; YEA on Roll Call No. 273; NAY on Roll Call No. 274; NAY on Roll Call No. 275; YEA on Roll Call No. 276; NAY on Roll Call No. 277; YEA on Roll Call No. 278; NAY on Roll Call No. 279; NAY on Roll Call No. 280; YEA on Roll Call No. 281; NAY on Roll Call No. 282; and NAY on Roll Call No. 283.

HONORING THE RECIPIENTS OF  
THE ENGLISH EMPOWERMENT  
CENTER'S 61ST RECOGNITION  
CEREMONY

**HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 22, 2023*

Mr. CONNOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the newly renamed English Empower-

ment Center (EEC), previously known as the Literacy Council of Northern Virginia (LCNV) and to congratulate the volunteers, instructors, students, community partners, and many others who will be recognized at the 61st EEC Recognition Ceremony.

The mission of EEC is to teach adults the basic skills of reading, writing, speaking, and understanding English in order to empower them to participate more fully and confidently in their communities and in society as a whole. EEC serves low-literacy and limited English language proficient adults with a selection of low-cost, moderately intensive courses to help them transition into the workforce or other educational opportunities.

EEC provides the crucial first steps of language and literacy proficiency for workplace, citizenship, and community integration to help adults make measurable improvements in their lives. This past year, they have served over 1,900 ESL students hailing from 95 different countries and natively speaking 50 different languages. It is evident EEC is making measurable improvements in the lives of the adults it serves.

Each year EEC recognizes students and members of the community who have contributed their time, energy, and resources to achieving the organization's mission. EEC will also recognize the recipient of the Patricia M. Donnelly Merit Scholarship. It is my great honor to include in the RECORD the following names of the 2023 EEC honorees and scholarship recipient:

Community Partners: Accenture, The Lorton Community Action Center (LCAC), Paul M. Angell Family Foundation.

Student Essay Readers: Reojin Ko, Martha Molina, Rose Nguyen.

Volunteers of the Year: Stan Citron, Jeanne Johnson, Sarah Krisher.

Patricia M. Donnelly Merit Scholarship Recipient: Eunice Carvajal.

I also want to recognize those volunteers who are celebrating service anniversaries with LCNV. These volunteers are being recognized for the service milestone of 15 years.

Volunteer Service Anniversaries: Veronica Cartier, Shelley Deutch, Betsy Mitchell, Jeffrey Randorf, David Webber, Glenn Allen, Stefanie Carr, and Maryanne Knockenhauer.

I have always believed that education is one of the most fundamental and important skills to have in one's life. As we have learned here in our own community, reading is one of the basic foundations on which to build a person's education and their career opportunities, regardless of their age I want to extend my personal thanks to the Center and its many volunteers for your tireless efforts to promote literacy as a lifelong skill.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in commending the English Empowerment Center and in thanking and congratulating each of the honorees of the 61st EEC Recognition Ceremony. I wish all of them great success in their future endeavors.

HONORING BILLIE JOHNSON ON  
THE OCCASION OF HER RETIREMENT

**HON. MARCY KAPTUR**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 22, 2023*

Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Billie Johnson, a Founder and CEO of the Area Office on Aging of Northwestern Ohio in our district. Mrs. Johnson is retiring after 49½ years at the helm of the agency she helped create. Her legacy is writ large and there is a special tribute to her today as her colleagues, peers and our region honor her.

Mrs. Johnson is a pioneer in the aging network. Her accomplishments are legion and boundless. Under her leadership, the Area Office on Aging has grown from a small divisional office into a comprehensive regional agency serving nearly 200,000 older adults in ten counties with a staff of nearly 200, along with 2,000 senior volunteers, 180 service providers, advisors and professional Board Members. The Area Office on Aging is considered one of the premier Area Agencies on Aging in the United States. Nationally recognized for its work, the agency has received eleven national achievement and innovation awards.

Mrs. Johnson has helped open community centres in neighbourhoods, facilitated countless meals delivered, provided seniors with needed counselling, expanded services, including seniors and veterans housing, health care, and gained access to tens of thousands of our seniors and new mothers to the Farmers Market Nutrition Program. The Area Office on Aging has helped hundreds of thousands of people in Northwestern Ohio and taught others how to be leaders in their own communities. Everyone here today knows Billie Johnson's commendable record of public service.

During her tenure with the agency, Mrs. Johnson led the effort to develop three, wholly owned subsidiary corporations. These separate corporations provide apartment living for low-income senior citizens in Northwest Ohio. She also organized the agency's Foundation Board and has been instrumental in developing a senior campus of 46 acres that provides a full continuum of care for older adults.

Mrs. Johnson is a recognized leader in the field of aging and has served on numerous national boards and state committees. She has been a speaker and presenter nationally and internationally on aging and women's issues. She has twice been a presenter at the World Conference on Women. She is also a leader in our community and serves on many local civic boards and foundations.

Billie Johnson leaves a legacy unmatched. She is a treasure to those who are privileged to know her and a mentor to many. Our community has been graced abundantly by her efforts.

After 49½ years as the President and CEO of the Area Office on Aging of Northwestern Ohio, retirement is surely deserved. We all acknowledge the profound impact Billie Johnson has had on the millions of lives she touched in our corner of the world. Knowing her retirement is near, we wish her days be shared with those she loves doing what she most enjoys.

COMMEMORATING THE 70TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA ALLIANCE

**HON. J. FRENCH HILL**

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 22, 2023*

Mr. HILL. Mr. Speaker, I rise to commemorate the 70th anniversary of our alliance between the United States and The Republic of Korea.

To commend this momentous occasion, Speaker McCarthy and Leader McConnell invited Republic of Korea President Yoon to visit the House Chamber and address Congress in a joint meeting.

From the ashes of the Korean conflict to one of now the world's largest and most successful economy, The Republic of Korea is a testament to America's dedication to support market economics and democracy.

The successful alliance between the U.S. and The Republic of Korea has maintained his peace, security, and prosperity in the Indo-Pacific region for those past seven decades.

Now, more than ever, it's critical that the U.S. continue to support our ally and their efforts to protect their vibrant democracy and prosperous economy for the daily threats from North Korea and the growing aggression of the Chinese Communist Party.

I thank President Yoon for his leadership, for the tenacity of the Korean people, to come from an authoritarian republic to truly a democratic one, and for building one of the top ten largest economies in the world.

That's an amazing transformation over those seven decades.

Together, we'll continue to promote freedom and prosperity in the Indo-Pacific region and around the world.

RECOGNIZING THE CAREER OF  
TIM SIMS

**HON. H. MORGAN GRIFFITH**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 22, 2023*

Mr. GRIFFITH. Mr. Speaker, I rise in recognition of Senior Park Ranger Tim Sims, who is retiring after an incredible 34 years working at the Booker T. Washington National Monument, located in Franklin County, Virginia. After graduating from Ferrum College in 1988, Tim applied for a seasonal maintenance job at the park, which would eventually turn into a lifelong career after he was given a full-time position in 1991. Originally hired as a maintenance worker, Tim worked his way to the role of chief park ranger in charge of interpretation and resource management. In addition to working in the park's gardens, Tim served as primary caretaker for the park's many animals, which include chickens, pigs, and sheep.

Throughout the years, Tim also got the opportunity to speak with the park's visitors as a part of his duties, something he both grew to enjoy and had a talent for. Tim said that he'll remain close to the monument once retired, living in the Callaway community of Franklin County, with his wife Robyn, so that he can continue to watch the park grow. Retirement will also afford Tim more opportunities to visit

his two daughters, Willow and Rowan, and to dedicate more time to his other passion, as a keyboard player for a few local bands. I congratulate Tim on a job well done in his many years working at the Booker T. Washington National Monument. Though his colleagues will surely miss working with him every day, retirement is well deserved.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. BRAD FINSTAD**

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 22, 2023*

Mr. FINSTAD. Mr. Speaker, due to unforeseen personal obligations related to a house fire at my personal residence, I was unable to attend votes.

Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 249, YEA on Roll Call No. 250; YEA on Roll Call No. 251; YEA on Roll Call No. 252; YEA on Roll Call No. 253; YEA on Roll Call No. 254; YEA on Roll Call No. 255; and YEA on Roll Call No. 256.

RECOGNIZING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FAIRFAX COUNTY HEALTH CARE ADVISORY BOARD

**HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 22, 2023*

Mr. CONNOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the 50th Anniversary of the Fairfax County Health Care Advisory Board.

The Fairfax County Board of Supervisors recognized the importance of community involvement in planning comprehensive health programs and established the Health Care Advisory Board on June 11, 1973. Now, for 50 years, the Health Care Advisory Board has played a vital role in our community through advising on health and health-related issues.

The accomplishments of the Health Care Advisory Board have positively impacted the health and well-being of our community in Fairfax County. Their robust accomplishments have been integral in protecting the community alongside the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors, and I am happy to share in some of their accomplishments.

They have been able to oversee and implement proactive programs, such as the affordable health care program and the Community Health Care Network, which operated for nearly 30 years before being transitioned to a Federally Qualified Health Care Center. The work of the Health Care Advisory Board has been essential in addressing health disparities that affect vulnerable groups in our community. They have recommended policies to improve accessibility and affordability of senior housing along with support services. This includes legislation to increase direct care and staffing levels to ensure that the quality of care for medically vulnerable individuals, such as older adults, the homeless, and individuals with disabilities, are not ignored.

The impact of the Health Care Advisory Board has affected public participation, encouraging health care providers, other citizen boards, and community groups to also work to

address health concerns and needs in the community. This model that has been developed by the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors is one that is admirable throughout our community. The Health Care Advisory Board continues to be an asset to the Board of Supervisors and the community as we continue to plan and establish health programs.

Their leadership and commitment to our constituents continues to strengthen the community's resources and overall wellbeing. I sincerely thank the Health Care Advisory Board for their time and efforts on behalf of our community. Their work provides immeasurable benefits to their fellow neighbors and serves as a reminder of why Fairfax County remains such a great place to live, work, and raise a family.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the Fairfax County Health Care Advisory Board for their dedication to public service and congratulating them on their 50th Anniversary.

CONGRATULATING MACK  
McLARTY

**HON. J. FRENCH HILL**

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 22, 2023*

Mr. HILL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate my friend, Mack McLarty, for receiving the Legacy of Leadership Award at the 35th annual Arkansas Business of the Year ceremony.

Mr. McLarty is chairman of the McLarty Companies and was White House Chief of Staff under President Bill Clinton.

Mack also served as the National Petroleum Council and the Council on Environmental Quality at the request of President George H.W. Bush.

While Chief to the President Clinton, he advised on a wide range of international and domestic issues such as the 1993 deficit reduction package, the North American Free Trade Agreement and multiple trips as it relates to attending the G7 economic summits.

Today Mack is a respected senior advisor in both the public and private sectors and a prominent public speaker who shares his thoughts and experiences in the realm of U.S. trade and foreign policy.

Along with this recognition for his public service, Mr. McLarty was awarded the Secretary of State's Distinguished Service Medal and the Center for the Study of the Presidency's Distinguished Service Award.

I congratulate Mr. McLarty on this recognition and thank him for his lifetime of public service at the national level and at home in Arkansas.

RECOGNIZING THE LIFE OF DON  
BATEMAN

**HON. SUZAN K. DeIBENE**

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 22, 2023*

Ms. DeIBENE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today, along with my colleague, MARIE GLUESKAMP PEREZ, to mourn the loss of a remarkable individual and true visionary, Don Bateman. As